

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on February 17, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 325 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)
Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 554
HB 607
HB 580
Executive Action: HB 580 DO PASS 18-0
HB 600 TABLED 12-6
HB 498 TABLED 14-4

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 580

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. SCHMIDT introduced the bill.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.5 - 4.6}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Steve Meloy, Administrator of the Division to which the
Advisory Board would report.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.6 - 6.3}

Ms. Sharon Howard, Health Services Director at the Cascade County
Adult Detention Center, Great Falls.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.3 - 11.1}

Ms. Deb Christofferson, registered nurse, Great Falls.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.1 - 13.9}

Mr. John Strandell, Sheriff of Cascade County.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.9 - 15.7}

Ms. Sally Johnson, Department of Corrections.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.7 - 18.3}

Mr. Bob Anderson, Montanan Sheriffs and Peace Officers
Association.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 19.1}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.1 - 26.1}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. SCHMIDT closed.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.1 - 26.4}

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 554

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. KRENZLER introduced the bill.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.3 - 32}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 32 - 1:B:4.1}

Mr. Donald Harr, Physician, Billings.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.1 - 6.7}

Ms. Andrea Marrow, Executive Director of Mental Health Association of Montana.

EXHIBIT(huh39a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.7 - 8.8}

Mr. Bob Olsen, Associated Health Care Providers, MHA.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.8 - 12.1}

Ms. Kathy McGowan, Montana Council of Mental Health Centers.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.1 - 13.2}

Mr. Kip Smith, Montana Primary Care, proposed an amendment to the bill.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.2 - 16.1}

Dr. Nathan Munn, President of the Montana Psychiatric Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.1 - 17.9}

Mr. Jeffrey Krott, Consumer of Mental Health Services.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.9 - 19.3}

Mr. Keith Colbo, Deaconess Billings Clinic.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.3 - 20.7}

Mr. Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.7 - 22.3}

Ms. Anita Rossman, Montana Advocacy Program.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.3 - 24.1}

Ms. Nancy McLane, self.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.1 - 25.4}

Ms. Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.4 - 25.7}

Ms. Gloria Hermanson, Montana Psychological Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.7 - 26.2}

Ms. Kelley Hibbard, Montana Senior Citizen's Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.2 - 26.3}

Ms. Mary McCue, Montana Clinical Mental Health Counselor's Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.3 - 26.9}

Mr. Vernon Bertleson, Montana Senior Citizen's Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.9 - 28.4}

Mr. Larry Noonan, Executive Director of AWARE Incorporated.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.4 - 29.6}

Mr. John Wilkinson, Administrator of Intermountain Children's Home.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29.6 - 30.5}

Mr. Mark O'Keefe, Insurance Commissioner.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 30.5 - 2:A:5.6}

Ms. Jacqueline Lenmark, Magellan Behavioral Health, distributed **EXHIBIT** (huh39a02), proposed amendments to HB 554.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.6 - 11.9}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: Mr. Mike Batice, Administrator for the Division of Criminal Investigation for the Department of Justice, distributed **EXHIBIT** (huh39a03), proposed amendments to HB 554.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.9 - 13.6}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.6 - 3:A:0.7}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. KRENZLER closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.7 - 4.1}

HEARING ON HOUSE 607

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. SOFT introduced the bill.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.1 - 13.8}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Jerry Lindorf, American Medical Association, distributed **EXHIBIT** (huh39a04).

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.8 - 26.1}

Ms. Mona Jamison, representing Shodair Hospital.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.1 - 29.9}

Mr. Donald Harr, Physician in Billings.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.9 - 31}

Mr. Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 31 - 32}

Mr. Jim Ahrens, President of the Montana Doctors Association.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 0.3}

Mr. Bob Ross, Executive Director of the Community Mental Health Center in Billings.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.3 - 1.3}

Ms. Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.3 - 1.6}

Ms. Mary McCue, Montana Dental Association, distributed **EXHIBIT** (huh39a05).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.6 - 2.3}

Ms. Anita Rossman, Montana Advocacy Association.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.3 - 3}

Mr. Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal & Child Health.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3 - 3.3}

Ms. Claudia Clifford, Insurance Commissioner's Office.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.3 - 3.8}

Mr. Don Judge, AFL-CIO.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.8 - 4}

Mr. Jim Smith, Montana State Pharmaceutical Association, distributed **EXHIBIT** (huh39a06).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4 - 4.6}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mr. Steve Akre, Physician in Great Falls.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.6 - 9.2}

Ms. Tanya Ask, Co-CEO of Montana Health, distributed **EXHIBIT** (huh39a07) and **EXHIBIT** (huh39a08).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2 - 13}

Dr. Joseph Knapp, Western Montana Clinic.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13 - 16}

Ms. Joyce Brown, Department of Administration, distributed **EXHIBIT** (huh39a09).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 20.4}

Ms. Susan Whittey, Blue Cross Blue Shield, distributed
EXHIBIT (huh39a10).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.4 - 21.9}

Mr. Tom Ebzery, Yellowstone Community Health Plan.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.9 - 22.9}

Mr. Don Allen, Montana Medical Benefit Plan.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.9 - 24}

Mr. Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Auto Dealers Association,
distributed **EXHIBIT** (huh39a11).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24 - 24.7}

Ms. Dana Walker, Co-CEO of Montana Care, distributed
EXHIBIT (huh39a12).

Mr. Keith Cobal, New West Health Care, distributed

EXHIBIT (huh39a13).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.7 - 25.2}

Ms. Page Dreamen, HIAA.

Ms. Jacqueline Lenmark, Magellan Behavioral Health.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.2 - 26.5}

Mr. Roy Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.5 - 27.2}

EXHIBIT (huh39a14) & **EXHIBIT** (huh39a15), letters of opposition.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.2 4:A:20.5}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. SOFT closed.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.5 - 22.7}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 600

Motion: REP. WILLIAMS moved that HB 600 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. WILLIAMS moved that HB 600 BE AMENDED, see
EXHIBIT (huh39a16).

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.4 - 28.9}

Discussion: Concerning the amendments.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.9 - 4:B:1.8}

Substitute Motion/Vote: REP. MOLNAR moved that HB 600 BE TABLED. Motion carried 12-6 with Dell, Guggenheim, Lenhart, Shockley, Squires, and Williams voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.8 - 4.5}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 498

Motion: REP. SQUIRES moved that HB 498 DO PASS.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.5 - 5.3}

Discussion: Concerning the bill

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.3 - 13.2}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that HB 498 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously, see tape log.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.2 - 16.2}

Motion: REP. SIMON moved that HB 498 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.2 - 16.6}

Substitute Motion/Vote: REP. SHOCKLEY moved that HB 498 BE TABLED. Motion carried 14-4 with Dell, Hibbard, Krenzler, and Simon voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.6 - 20.6}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 580

Motion/Vote: REP. SCHMIDT moved that HB 580 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.6 - 21}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:30 P.M.

REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

LS/JR

EXHIBIT (huh39aad)